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FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS FROM HABIB

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
 TAGS: PINT, PEPR, MILI, LE, IS, PLO, SY, UN
 SUBJ: HABIB MISSION: FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS

REF: TEL AVIV 12609

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2. WITH REGARD TO BEGIN'S COMMENTS:

--ARTICLE 3 OF THE PLAN REGARDING UN OBSERVERS: FYI:
 WE DESIGNED THE SENTENCE TO ASSURE THAT THE PRESENT APPROXI-
 MATELY 10-MAN OGL WILL BE IN THE BEIRUT AREA THROUGHOUT
 THE DEPARTURE PERIOD, WITHOUT GETTING INTO QUESTIONS OF
 WHETHER IT WILL BE DISSOLVED IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. WE
 THINK THAT WE HAVE TO KEEP THE OGL AT THAT LEVEL, BUT THIS
 IS A MATTER THAT WILL HAVE TO BE STRAIGHTENED OUT WITH THE
 UN SECRETARIAT. DEPT SHOULD TAKE ACTION. END FYI. WITH
 THIS IN MIND, WE WILL CHANGE THE SENTENCE TO THE WAY BEGIN
 PREFERS IT.

--REGARDING ARTICLE 22 CONCERNING SYRIAN DEPLOYMENT
 FROM BEIRUT: THE WAY YOU MADE THE POINTS WAS EXACTLY
 RIGHT. I CANNOT GIVE IRON-CLAD ASSURANCES THAT THE
 SYRIANS WILL BE BACK IN SYRIA AFTER A BRIEF STOPOVER
 IN THE BIQ'A, BUT IT IS A DEMORALIZED GROUP WHICH NEEDS
 REEQUIPING AND PROBABLY NEW TRAINING AND INDOCTRINATION.
 THE WAY YOU DESCRIBED MY CONVICTIONS COULD BE PASSED TO
 THE CABINET.

--AS REGARDS ARTICLE 21 ON THE TURNOVER OF PRISONERS
 AND REMAINS, WE TOOK THIS VIRTUALLY WORD FOR WORD FROM THE LANGUAGE
 GIVEN TO DRAPER BY ATTORNEY GENERAL ZAMIR.

--AS REGARDS THE LOCATION OF THE GRAVES OF THE
 SOLDIERS WHO FELL IN 1978, WE WILL DO OUR BEST, BOTH
 WITH THE PLO AND THE ICRC. BEGIN'S CONCERNS SHOULD BE
 COMMUNICATED IMMEDIATELY TO THE ICRC REP IN ISRAEL NAMED
 DUFOUR, WE BELIEVE.

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